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As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

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We believe we are the original, first, and sole inventors of the subject-matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRADING SECURITIES OR OTHER INSTRUMENTS ON BEHALF OF CUSTOMERS**, which was filed on March 1, 2000 and received Serial No. 09/516,792.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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